



MISS CLAUDIA VENAE SMITH

Smith, Stever Engagement is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Smith of 2504 Cabrillo Ave., announce the engagement of their daughter Miss Claudia Venae Smith to Gary Lynn Stever, son of Edward Stever of 2505 Palm Ave., Manhattan Beach and Mrs. Katherine Mercer of 2305 Vista Drive, Manhattan Beach.

Miss Smith received her engagement ring, an heirloom of the Stever family, on the birthday of her fiancé and maternal grandmother.

A Valentine wedding, February 13, at the Wayfarer's Chapel is planned by the young couple.

Miss Smith graduated from Torrance High School where she was a member of the Tri-Hi-Y, Hi-Toppers, Thespians Society and Song Queen and Scholarship society. She also belonged to the Y-Teens and took part in the school's senior play.

She attended El Camino College for one year where she was a member of the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority.

Her fiancé graduated from Mira Costa High School and following six months of service with the U. S. Coast Guard attended El Camino College. A County life guard, he plans to go into the construction business.

Both plan to continue their studies at El Camino College.

Local Choral Workshop Rehearsing 'Missa Brevis'

Los Cancioneros is now well into rehearsal of the contemporary work "Missa Brevis" by Zoltan Kodaly. The lively South Bay Music project is part of the group's summer Choral Workshop. Several seasons ago the choral group pioneered a Choral Workshop on a one-day basis under the baton of Dr. Lara Hogard.

The current Los Cancioneros Summer Workshop for a six-week period, is under the baton of Barbara Mabin, whose choral artistry has drawn participants from Santa Monica to Wilmington, to the Tuesday rehearsals at El Retiro Park.

Approximately half of the nearly 40 singers are from Los Cancioneros on a voluntary registration basis. The balance represent choir members and/or conductors from St. Cross Episcopal Church, where the concert will be held, 1st Christian Church of Torrance; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Redondo Beach; South Bay Christian Church, Redondo Beach; WALTERIA Methodist Church; Rivera Methodist Church; 1st Baptist Church, Redondo Beach; and Palos Verdes Neighborhood Church; Pacific Unitarian Church in charge of concert arrangements; and from Santa Monica, Don Bremer, who will be remembered as former Los Cancioneros Director for three years.

This summer workshop chorus will be featured in a Festival of New Music to be presented August 30th at 4 p.m. by the Music Committee of the Pacific Unitarian Church under the auspices of St. Cross Episcopal Church.

Preceding the Festival Chorus will be guest organist Mildred Kammeyer, regular organist at Vermont Presbyterian Church, and former organist at Palos Verdes Neighborhood Church.

Stella Herman, Soprano soloist of El Camino College professional staff will be heard in an interesting contemporary group including some songs of Samuel Barber. She will be assisted by Mrs. George Bailey, flutist of Manhattan Beach and Marjorie Gibson, contralto of El Camino affiliation in a lively Shepherd song of Kodaly, composer of the major festival work to be presented.

A capacity audience is expected at St. Cross Episcopal Church, Monterey Blvd., Hermosa Beach, to hear the presentation of new music in the instrumental, vocal and choral idioms. There will be no charge for this event, but an offering will be received.

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Miss Rippler to Speak on Recent Mission Tour

Miss Sharon Rippler will be the guest speaker at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. worship services at Alondra Park Methodist Church, 3153 W. Compton Blvd., Gardena, Sunday morning.

In keeping with the yearly sermon theme of "Christianity in Action—Sharing God's Good News," she will speak of the work being done in 14 Home Missions she recently visited.

One of 31 youths, both boys and girls, selected from the Southern California—Arizona Conference of the Methodist Church, Sharon participated in the Missionary Education Tour, sponsored jointly by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Conference Board of Education Youth Councils.

The group, under the direction of the Rev. Donald Cooke, began their tour at the David and Margaret Home in LaVerne, California. Included in their itinerary were the Yuma and Farmington Indian Missions, 5 community centers—Neighborhood Houses in Calexico, Eloy Community Center, Phoenix Wesley House, Rose Gregory Houchen Settlement in El Paso, and Highland Boy Community House in Bingham Canyon, Utah—Freeman Clinic and Newark Hospital in El Paso and Bataan Memorial Hospital in Albuquerque, the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso and Harwood Girls' School in Albuquerque.

Each Mission Center and its work was explained to the youth by their project interpreter, Mrs. J. H. Thompson. Other staff members for the tour were Rev. Roger Huebner, business manager, Mrs. Millard Bobbitt, dietitian, and Mrs. Donald Cooke and Mrs. Roger Huebner, work group counselors.

Sharon, a senior at Leuzinger High School, resides with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rippler, her sister, Viva and her brother, Cavell, at 4563 West 161 St., Lawndale. She has served as president of the local Senior High Methodist Youth Fellowship; as President of the Sub-District M.Y.F. and is now the Vice-President of the Los Angeles District M.Y.F.

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WORLD AFFAIRS — Torrance Y-Teens (from left, Judi Benson, Flora Watson and Susan Saari) will attend the National Y-Teen Conference on Youth's Role in National and World Affairs in New York and Washington, D. C., Nov. 1-3. The girls are now busy at work on ways and means projects to finance the trip.

Rev. Kimball to Give Sermon

"Let Us Go On" will be the sermon delivered by Rev. Stuart Kimball, associate director of Christian Education for the Congregational Education for the Seaside Community Church.

Replacing Rev. William Schatz, who is now on vacation, Rev.

Kimball comes from the Congregational Christian side of the United Church of Christ.

The Church school and adult seminar will be held at 9:20 by Mrs. Jean Walter on the topic of Christian Family and Money. Child care is provided during the worship service.

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Three Local 'Y' Teen to Attend Conference on World Affairs

Torrance teens don't take a back seat in National and World affairs.

Underlining local interest in current events is the recent selection of three teenagers to attend the National Y-Teen Conference on Youth's Role in National and World Affairs in New York and Washington, D. C., November 1-3.

The girls were picked by the Torrance YWCA Teenage Committee on the basis of experience and participation in the Y, extra-curricular activities, grade average and willingness to report the conference to civic groups, YWCA members and the community.

Sam Levy, honorary advisor to the group, is now aiding the girls as they work on ways and means projects to finance the trip.

The girls are: Flora Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Watson of 2427 Border Ave.; Susan Saari, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Saari, 2427 W. 239th St.; and Judi Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Benson, 169 Via Nonte D'Oro. Maren Courtney is alternate for the group.

Flora will be a senior at Torrance High where she is a song queen. She has served as president of ICC (The YWCA Inter-

Club Council), president of her Y-Teen club, freshmen, sophomore, and junior council representative and has spent three years at senior high Y-Teen conference.

Judi, a junior at South High is a member of the CSF, has been a class officer two years in a row, ICC secretary and a member of various school and other clubs. She was at senior high conference this summer and along with Flora represented the YWCA at the Examiner Youth Forum.

Susan, also a senior at Torrance High school is quite active in the Lutheran Church and a member of the youth group. She was president of her Y-Teen club, a student body officer for this coming year.

The girls have sponsored two dances to raise money. They are now working on a back-to-school dance to be held at the Armory, September 12. For further information on any of their projects, please call FA 8-5914.

OLDER CITIZENS
The principle cause of death to older citizens, aged from 45 to 64 years is heart disease, followed by cancer, vascular lesions and accidents, says the Greater Los Angeles Safety Council.

Funeral Customs Come Under Eye of Church Group

A study of funeral customs was recently undertaken by the Social Action Committee of the Pacific Unitarian Church, 1610 Acacia.

The findings of the committee were presented to the congregation in conjunction with a sermon "And When I Die" by Rev. R. W. F. Seebode.

The study arose from members' desire to be useful to mankind even after death. Mrs. Glen Bye, made available forms for donating useful artery segments to the Los Angeles County Heart Association Artery Bank, forms necessary to donate eyes to the Doherty Eye Bank, and forms necessary to give a body to Medical Colleges for study purposes.

The committee advises seeing a reliable mortician to make arrangements early in life to take the burden off the survivors and then keep the arrangements up to date.

Committee chairman, Tom Potts, hopes the committee will be able to prepare a plan in cooperation with local morticians suitable to the church's members.

The committee is presently concerned with civil liberties as affected by the subpoenas issued to 70 Southern California teachers by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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